

REMARKS

As discussed more fully in the Request/Petition for Refund filed herewith, Applicants contend that certain of the filing fees for this application were improperly charged by the USPTO without authorization by Applicants, and that such fees may now be reduced by cancellation of and/or amendment of the claims, as provided herein.

Thus, to reduce filing fees, claims 3-6, 8-10, 12, 13, 18-23, 25, 26, 31-33, 35-38, 42, 43, 45, 48, 65, 69, 77, 79, and 81 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, and claims 34, 44, 54, 55, 58-62, 71, 72, 82-86, 89, 91 and 92 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 9, 11, 13, 16, 24, 29, 36, 41, 47, 64, 68, 76, 78, and 80 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the application (including the claims) as filed, e.g., at page 8, lines 16-22. No new matter has been added. Now pending in the application are claims 1-33, 35-43, 45-53, 56, 57, 63-70, 73-81, 87, 88, and 90.

Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 61387 (72021).

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Respectfully submitted,

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